GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether British Government has proposed to impose an arms embargo and suspend sale of arms to India;

(b) whether British Government have reviewed the said decision and finalised the supply of arms to India;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the British Defence Secretary visited India on July 3, 2002 and discussed with him about the finalisation of deal in regard to purchase of Hawk-100 Aircraft Jet Trainers (AJTs); and

(e) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.

(d) & (e): Various subjects of mutual interest were discussed and views exchanged.